**The Role of Social Media in Development, Global Affairs, and International Peace and Security**

Teacher’s Introduction

This year GCDC is incorporating the use social media, and new technology into preparing for and during the conference. Our media and social media platforms play an important role in distributing news, providing information in times of crisis, and connecting people worldwide. In some countries, such as Pakistan, citizens rely on social media to receive non-biased information and news on events in the country. Furthermore, social media played a pivotal role in connecting people and providing news during the Arab Spring.

**UNA NCA is NOT forcing or requiring students and teachers to create social media accounts (including Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram). These pages are all available for viewing without having an account.**

Important information will still be relayed to teachers through email. Additional materials that students and teachers may find helpful will be provided through Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using **#GCDCMU**

Using social media will provide students and teachers with new tools that are used daily in development, civil society, human rights discussions, and times of crisis. We encourage students and teachers to use social media platforms to find on-the-ground opinions of the topics they will be discussing.

We also encourage teachers to upload pictures of their students meeting and preparing for the MUN conference using **#GCDCMUN** *(This is not required, and only if the students and teachers are comfortable doing this)*.

If high school students are interested in networking with other students from the conference, sharing information among each other, and remaining in touch following the end of the conference/graduation, they are invited to join our Facebook group **GCDC MUN 2015.** This is not required, and only if the students, teachers, and parents are comfortable doing this. Students who do not join this group will not miss out on updates or information directly from GCDC.

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